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21 December 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 21 December 1965

Mr. Helms was in the chair as Acting DCI.

R. J. Smith noted that Vice President Humphrey will leave for Manila Monday for the inauguration there of President Marcos. DD/I offices are in contact with the CI Staff in providing security and substantive intelligence support to the Secret Service and the Vice President's staff. An OCI briefer will brief Secret Service officers and the Vice President's staff on Filipino matters. A-DD/P noted that George Carroll of Humphrey's staff had requested a briefing from FE Division, and this will be coordinated with the DD/I.

There was agreement with a suggestion by Smith that Agency officials who call in to the Watch Office for fill-ins certify themselves by citing their badge number.

Smith noted that work is already under way on preparation of Agency briefing materials for use by the DCI on the Hill when Congress reconvenes on 10 January. Mr. Helms suggested that Smith arrange to meet with the DCI sometime in the first week of January to ensure that vu-graphs and visual aids for these briefings are acceptable to the DCI.

Smith noted continuing U. S. air strikes against the power plant at Uong Bi in NVN. The power plant has yet to suffer damage. Strikes are planned to continue through Christmas Eve.

25X1 [redacted] Smith briefed on the dismal Rhodesia-Zambia situation including [redacted] that disaster looms. It was noted that an ONE staff memo on this situation is being prepared. (See Action 1)

25X1 [redacted] briefed on the current DR situation. (See Action 2)

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DD/S reported that he plans to tour all DD/S offices this week. ADD/S will attend the Morning Meetings on those dates.

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There was a discussion of the White House staff request made to Mr. Helms yesterday for [] telephone operators to be assigned to the White House. DD/S is to advise Mr. Helms in the course of the day as to the availability of such operators.

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[] DD/S&T noted that there is a meeting of the Committee of Principals scheduled this afternoon. It was agreed that Don Chamberlain would meet with A/DCI to discuss the agenda prior to the meeting.

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[] Zorza article in the Washington Post this morning indicating the existence of "doves and hawks" among North Vietnamese leaders and said he thought it would be useful to analyze the basis for Zorza's article.

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At Mr. Helms' inquiry current efforts to arrange an Agency debriefing of Senator Mansfield were described. No firm word has yet been received.

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Mr. Helms noted that Tom Hughes at a luncheon meeting yesterday was highly complimentary of a recent Agency memo [] of the war. It was suggested to Smith that he try to ensure that this memo comes to the attention of the Secretary of State. Smith noted that Ben Read of the Department's Secretariat is working on this.

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25X1 Mr. Helms gave to Smith a 7 December OCI memo on objectionable Government appointees [] and the DCI's question about the desirability of issuing a follow-up report on this subject. Smith is to consider this request and take action as appropriate.

25X1 Mr. Helms gave to Smith an ORR memo of 16 December dealing with potential Communist use [] Smith is asked to consider the DCI's question about sending copies of this to General Wheeler, Secretary McNamara, and DIA.

ACTIONS:


25X1 1. []
[] A covering note for Mr. Helms' signature is to be prepared for sending this memo to Secretary Rusk, Secretary McNamara, 25X1 and McGeorge Bundy. (DD/I - In the course of the day)

25X1 2. An OCI memo summarizing the current [] situation and outlook is to be prepared today for discussion at the Morning Meeting tomorrow. [] OCI is to contact Bowdler of McGeorge Bundy's staff to discuss the [] situation. (DD/I - In the course of the day)

25X1 3. Noting the completion and safe return of yesterday's []
25X1 [] overflight, Mr. Helms requested that [] take the lead in ensuring a priority effort to analyze the take as a means of coping with 25X1 future needs for additional such flights. (CIA Director of Reconnaissance - Status report by 15 January)

25X1 No more [] flights are to take place until we know what has been learned from yesterday's mission. (DD/P)

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